

# Public Notice

## Forest Management Activities at Lake Macbride State Park

The Iowa DNR State Parks and Forestry Bureaus are conducting forest management practices at Lake Macbride State Park that are aimed at improving the long term health and resiliency of the park's woodlands. These practices and other planned work for the future are described in the Forest Stewardship Plan for Lake Macbride, available electronically at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov). For questions, please contact the park office at 319-624-2200 or DNR District Forester Mark Vitosh at 319-351-8886.

Current Activities (Updated August, 2014):

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**Areas labeled A: Forest Stand Improvement - Weed Tree Removal** - Felling and some girdling of specific understory trees such as sugar maple, basswood, ironwood, hackberry, boxelder, and white mulberry that interfere with oak regeneration and native herbaceous plant diversity.

**Acres to be treated:** 87

**Timeframe:** Ongoing - March 1, 2015

**Areas labeled B: Forest Stand Improvement - Crop tree release** – Selective thinning of undesirable overstory trees by girdling or felling to give more space & sunlight to desirable crop trees for improved growth, longevity, and nut production.

**Acres to be treated:** 22

**Timeframe:** November 1, 2014 - March 1, 2015

**Areas labeled C: Forest Stand Improvement - Invasive Species Removal** - Removal/cutting of all non-native invasive species such as honeysuckle, autumn olive, barberry, and multi-flora rose.

**Acres to be treated:** 101 (includes some areas also labeled B)

**Timeframe:** Ongoing – May 15, 2015

**Areas labeled D: Tree Planting** - Planting and tubing of ~ 500 mixed hardwoods (mixed oak and black walnut).

**Acres to be treated:** 4

**Timeframe:** Completed Spring 2014.

**Area labeled E: Harvest & Reforestation** – Commercial sale of merchantable trees followed by replanting and felling & girdling of non-merchantable trees to regenerate oak-hickory forest.

**Acres to be treated:** 4

**Timeframe:** Environmental review in Spring and Summer 2014, public meeting to be held in Fall 2014, work activities to commence in December 2014, project completion March 2015 or 2016.

**Area labeled F: Harvest & Reforestation** – Commercial sale of merchantable trees followed by replanting and felling & girdling of non-merchantable trees to regenerate oak-hickory forest.

**Acres to be treated:** 5

**Timeframe:** Environmental review in Spring and Summer 2014, public meeting to be held in Summer 2015, work activities to commence in December 2015, project completion March 2016 or 2017.

